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Dear Alaska Nurseries and Garden Centers,

As spring planting approaches, I would like to remind you of important plant health issues regarding sales of seed potatoes and tomato plants in Alaska. On February 11, 1999, the Director of the Division of Agriculture established quarantine at the Alaska boundaries to limit the potential entry into the state of commodities infected with Potato Late Blight (*Phytophthora infestans*). This quarantine remains in effect and is summarized below. (Tomato seeds are not regulated articles.)

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles are prohibited for entry into Alaska except under the following conditions:

1. Seed potatoes or potato plants:
 - a. are produced as certified seed potatoes in the state or country of origin and are certified; and
 - b. are inspected in storage and no late blight is found in the lot; and
 - c. are inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found.
2. Tomato plants;
 - a. are grown in a nursery, or greenhouse inspected and found free of late blight; and
 - b. are inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found; and
 - c. are treated prior to shipment with a registered fungicide for late blight disease control.
3. Each shipment of regulated articles into Alaska shall be accompanied by an official Certificate issued by the government regulatory agency in the state or county of origin assuring that the conditions of this quarantine have been met.

Also, under Alaska Administrative Code (ACC) 11 ACC 32.040, all seed potatoes sold, offered or displayed for sale must have attached to each container or the display, the applicable seed certification tag issued by the official seed certifying agency of the state or country of origin. Staff from the Division of Agriculture may be visiting your establishment to review plant health certificates and monitor compliance with this requirement.

Thank you for your efforts in assisting in the control of this devastating plant disease. If you would like additional information or have questions about this important subject please contact the Alaska Division of Agriculture (907) 745-7200 or visit our web site at: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/ag/index.htm>.

Sincerely,



Douglas Warner
Manager, Marketing and Inspection Programs
Division of Agriculture

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

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Mat-Su Borough:

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| Jay Dearborn | 980 S. Trunk Rd, Palmer, AK 99645 | 745-3501 |
| Keith Moore | HC 35 Box 5480, Wasilla, AK 99654 | 376-5217 |
| Mark Troutman | 8470 N. Russet Rd, Palmer, AK 99645 | 746-5422 |
| Ted Pyrah | PO Box 966, Palmer, AK 99645 | 232-0889 |

Fairbanks Area:

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| Ron Nelson | PO Box 70888 Fairbanks, AK 99707 | 457-5381 |
| Dan Green | PO Box 56943, North Pole, AK 99705 | 488-7273 |
| Sven Ebbesson | PO Box 370, Fairbanks, AK 99760 | 479-7783 |

Nenana Area:

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| Bill Spencer | PO Box 501, Nenana, AK 99760 | 832-5280 |
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Delta Junction Area:

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| Lyll Brasier | PO Box 483, Delta Junction, AK 99737 | 895-4961 |
| Frank Borman | HC 60 Box 4199-1, Delta Junction, AK 99737 | 895-4148 |

Kodiak Area:

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| Marilyn Guilmet | PO Box 625, Kodiak, AK 99615 | 486-3099 |
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Copper River Area:

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| Doug Vollman | PO Box 366, Copper Center, AK 99573 | 822-5898 |
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